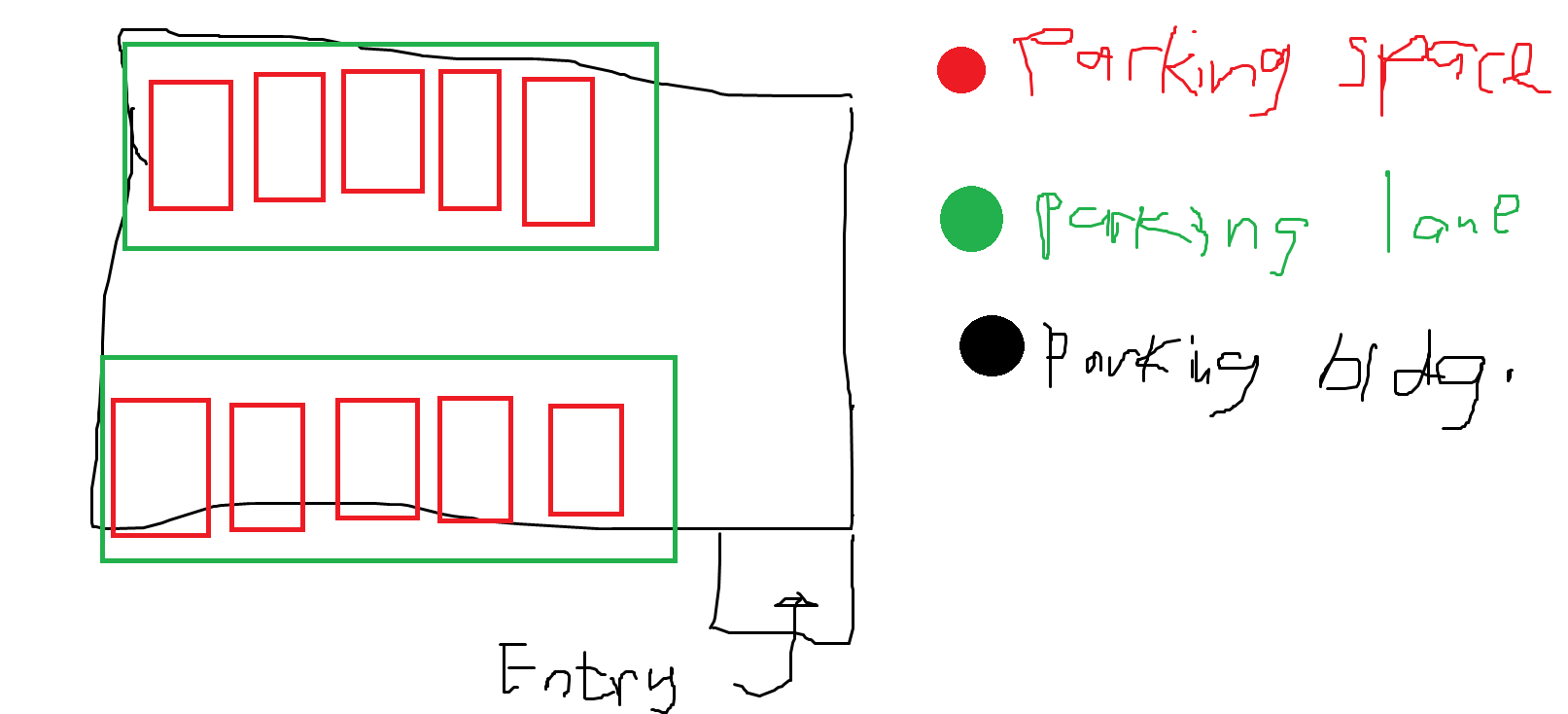
**Day 1 (dec 20)**

**Rescoping project**

As stated in the project proposal, there are some of the things I might need to further clarify and take out. Here are the features that the program will retain:

* A parking space (1 stack) will contain the vehicle (a random string for the plate number)
* A parking lane (1 list) will contain 5 parking spaces
* A parking building (one 2D list) will contain 2 parking lanes  
  *this illustration might help:*
* The graphics is CLI based: standard output and text-based input.

I decided that it’s better if the interaction between the program and the operator (user) models the real world. So, this goes like this:

* the queue of cars outside indefinitely grows (this growth and the plate number is handled with a random number generator);
* the list of stacks (array of parking lots) randomly shrinks;
* both the time of the shrink (stack) and growth (queue) is controlled by the user for the purposes of simulation.

After those are implemented, the features I want to expand more are:

* have the user be able to click and drag cars and collide with any objects present in the parking bldg.
* If time allows, the graphics will resemble the above picture using raylib

Day 2 (dec 21):

**Base project data structures**

* Making a pseudocode
  + I found it hard to wrap how understand the requirement. The pseudocode below shows my initial attempt. However, I realized that in python, in order to enforce such a structure of data, we can use classes.

Que = []  
  
// when queue insert  
When lane a is not empty  
 Insert from queue to whatever stacks that are empty  
Or when lane b is not empty  
 Insert from queue to whatever stacks that are empty  
  
LaneA = [Stack(), stack(), stack(), stack()]  
LaneB = [Stack(), stack(), stack(), stack()]  
  
PrkingSpace = [LaneA, LaneB]

* I made a class for each said thing (parking space, lane, and bldg.) for a more coherent way to interact.
* I also made a few changes from the lab activities we did on stacks and queues. I also did some tests to check whether it was okay for this project. Although I am not sure how will I handle the errors. I asked chatgpt for some guidance, particularly for whatever this means: OverflowError, and IndexError. I might have to do a proper unit test, but im feeling not that too inquisitive this week.

**Code structuring**

* I was wondering how I could structure the codebase the same way we do in c/cpp. These references [1; 2] has a weird work around and I don’t want to work with abstract base class (abc) package (*python is weird)*.
* I initially decided I will store all the required data structures in one file. However, after reading further on how python projects are structured [3; 4], there was a git repository that provides a sample python codebase [5]. I cant really accommodate this kind of structure fully due to the constraints of the project, and I understand little craps. Where dahek is the main function? ?? Why do I need to run a python program the same way I run scripts and why is the main functions only included in unit tests?? ??? ? ? I thought I understood python that much, but I realized I understood less than 10% of the full experience. Sorry for the rant. Looking a bit further, I found that I can use pyinstaller to build an executable [6]. And I seem to have a bit of trouble setting it up as well as running the test cases from the structure provided in samplemod [5].

Day 3 (dec 24)

**Actually working with the base case**

* I am feeling it that I’m stretching this project way too much, so I’ll just work with the base cases and worry about the code structure later. I have made a github repository for tracking this (see appendix).

**Reference:**

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**Appendix**

Github repository: <https://github.com/Jeo0/perking-spaiyc>